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**THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE WORKSHEET**

1. List at least six (6) ways that candidates for the office of the President attempt to campaign for and win the votes of American citizens. (p. 386)

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2. Define the term ***“swing voters”*** (p. 386) - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. What are ***“battleground states”***? Give three examples of ***“battleground states”*** from the past election cycle. (p. 386)

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4. What is the purpose of ***Presidential Debates***? Can these debates make a difference in the outcome of the election? (p. 387)

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5. What is the role of the ***“presidential electors”*** which are selected by the people in Presidential Elections? Did the Founding Fathers intend for the electors to do as they were told by the people, or to exercise their own good judgment? (p. 387)

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6. How does ***every state except Maine and Nebraska*** choose it’s slate of electors for the Presidential Election? (p. 388)

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7. When does the actual ***Electoral College*** vote take place? (p. 388) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. What are the ***three (3) major flaws*** of the ***Electoral College System***? (p. 389)

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8A. How does the ***winner take all system*** of counting electoral college votes distort the popular vote? (p. 389)

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8B. Why does a ***small state*** like Wyoming ***benefit from the Electoral College system*** more than a larger state like California? (p. 389)

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8C. Who was the ***most recent President elected to office despite the fact that he did not win a majority*** of the votes cast in the Presidential Election? How many times has this happened? (p. 389)

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8D. Do the voters of the ***Electoral College have to vote for the people they say they will support***? Have electors ever voted for someone other than the person they pledged to support? (p. 390)

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8E. If ***no candidate wins a majority*** of the Electoral College votes – which is easy, if a third candidate runs for office – then who determines the outcome of the Presidential Election? Has this ever happened? (p. 390 – 391)

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9. Briefly describe three (3) alternative plans to the Electoral College for electing the POTUS:

9A. ***The District or Proportional Plans*** (p. 391 – 392) - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

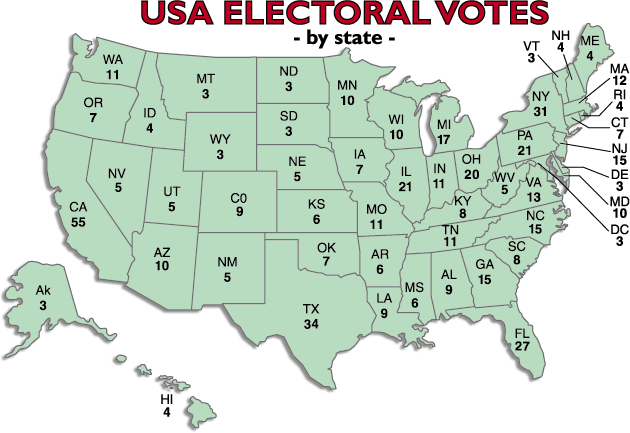
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9B. ***The Direct Popular Election*** (p. 392 – 393) - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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9C. ***The National Popular Vote Plan*** (p. 393 – 394) - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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10. Study the map above. List the ***ten (10) most important states in the Electoral College***.

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11. What are the ***seven (7) states with the fewest number of electoral college votes***?

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12. How many ***Electoral College votes does the state of Virginia*** have? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13. In order to be elected President, a candidate needs to gain ***270 Electoral College*** votes. Study the map. ***What is the fewest number of states a candidate would have to win under the winner take all system in order to be elected President of the United States?*** List the states.

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